

Remarks/Arguments:

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Final Office Action mailed March 4, 2009.

Claims 1, 5, 6, 15, 19, 24, 28, 29, 38, 42, 47, 51, 52, 61 and 65 are objected to because of informalities.

Claims 1, 24, 47 and 70 have been amended.

Claims 1, 5, 6, 15, 19, 24, 28, 29, 38, 42, 47, 51, 52, 61, 65 and 70 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Richards et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0147850) in view of Reisman (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0129094), Glass (Web Services Building Blocks for Distributed Systems, 2002) and Kikinis (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0049833).

The independent claims have been amended to include the feature that “the transport manager relay plug-in is one of multiple transport manager relay plug-ins used for different transport protocols, and wherein at least one application at the server uses multiple transport manager relay plug-ins”. This feature is not shown or made obvious by the cited prior art.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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